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Sunday, February 10. **37th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 4. Sunday of Zaccæus.** Hieromartyr Haralambos, Bishop of Magnesia in Thessaly, and Martyrs Porphyrius, Baptus and three women Martyrs (202). Synaxis of the Hierarchs of Novgorod, buried in the Cathedral of the Holy Wisdom (Sophia) in Novgorod: Joachim (1030), Luke (1058), Theodore (1077), Herman (1096), Arkádii (Arcadius) (1163), John (1185), Gabriel (1193), Martyrii (1199), Anthony (1231), Basil (1352), Moses (1362), Simeon (1421), Evfim (Euthymius) (1458) and Aftonii (Aphtonius) (1652).

3rd and 6th Hours, 9:10am.

Divine Liturgy of St. Chrysostom, 9:30am.

Epistle: I Tim 4:9-15 Gospel: Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday, February 13. Eve of Repose of St. Cyril, Equal-to-the-Apostles and Teacher of the Slavs (869)
Daily Vespers, 5:30pm, with light meal and study Lenten Study.

Saturday, February 16.

Great Vespers of the Resurrection, 5pm.

Sunday, February 17. **SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE — Tone 5. [Beginning of the Lenten Triodion].** Greatmartyr Theodore the Tyro (The Recruit—ca. 306). Hieromartyr Germogén (Hermogenes), Patriarch of Moscow and Wonderworker of All Russia (1612). Ven. Theodore the Silent, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—13th c.). St. Mariamne, sister of Apostle Philip (1st c.). Uncovering of the Relics of Martyr Menas of Alexandria (867-869). The weeping “TIKHVIN” Icon of the Most-Holy Theotokos on Mt. Athos.

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Divine Liturgy of St. Chrysostom, 9:30am.

Epistle: II Tim 3:10-15 Gospel: Lk 18:10-14

Zacchaeus Sunday

The very first announcement of Lent is made the Sunday on which the Gospel lesson about Zacchaeus is read. It is the story of a man who was too short to see Jesus but who *desired* so much to see Him that he climbed up a tree. Jesus responded to his desire and went to his house. Thus the theme of this first announcement is *desire*. ... A strong desire overcomes the natural limitations of man; when he passionately desires something he does things of which “normally” he is incapable. Being “short,” he overcomes and transcends himself. The only question, therefore, is whether we desire the right things, whether the power of desire in us is aimed at the right goal. ... Zacchaeus desired the “right thing”; he wanted to see and approach Christ. (Fr. Alexander Schmemmann, *Great Lent*, pp. 17-18.)

Lenten Study

Father Caleb will be leading a Lenten study on Wednesday evenings starting this Wednesday, February 13th. We will be using both Fr. Schmemmann’s *Great Lent* and St. John Climacus’ *The Ladder*. While you don’t need to own the books to come to the study, you may be interested in purchasing them; they are both classics—St. John’s work is an ancient classic that is read in monasteries every Lent; Fr. Schmemmann’s a modern classic which opens up the meaning of our Lenten practices and services in simple but profound ways. A few copies of each are available for purchase (from Fr. Caleb) downstairs in the gift store area.

Book Recommendations

Visit the bookstore to see Fr. Caleb’s new set of book recommendations. There are four new books on the specially designated shelf for you to browse. If you are interested in purchasing any of them, please contact Barbara.

House Blessing

Next Sunday, 2/17, all are invited to the Abetti’s for the blessing of their home. Bring your skates if you have them (if not, they have some extras); on their property is a large indoor skating area.

Standing by the Cross, Putting on Christ

Our Lenten retreat on Saturday, April 5th, will be given by Fr. John Behr, Dean of St. Vladimir’s Seminary, and will include three talks:

- Through the Cross
- Forgiven Sinners
- The Virgin Mother

Please reserve the date and invite family and friends. A flyer for advertising the event to the community will be available soon.

Important Dates

Feb 24	Sun	Parish Council Meeting
Feb 29	Fri	Vespers in Maine
Mar 1	Sat	Retreat in Montreal (Contact Mat. Anna Konkle for details.)
Mar 9	Sun	Forgiveness Sunday
Mar 25	Tue	The Annunciation
Apr 5	Sat	Lenten Retreat: Fr. John Behr speaking on “Standing by the Cross, Putting on Christ”
Apr 27	Sun	Pascha